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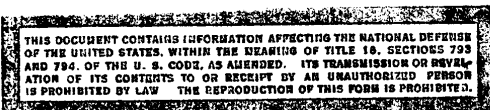
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II. Naval and Sea-Police Harbor Service Installations.1. Berths:a. Sea-Police.

Permanently allotted berths []:

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A 1 for flagship ERNST THAELEMAN

B T-shaped wharf

C T-shaped wharf, mainly used as bad-weather berth

D Berth for auxiliary vessels

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4. Soviet Navy.

- a. The port commander's duty is in Soviet hands, and a headquarters with four rooms is located in the railroad building. These rooms were formerly used as customs examination rooms. (8)

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Port commander's staff:

1 port commander (having the rank of captain, Soviet navy)
4 officers (junior or senior lieutenants), and about 10 petty officers or other ranks.

- b. Soviet signal station on the tower on the west mole (the tower also houses the harbor entrance light. (9))
- c. A Soviet radio station at the head of the landing stage (4).
- d. A Soviet radio and signal station housed in the building of the former pilot station building (7).
- e. Two small observation shelters (10), possibly fire control shelters, located on the hill surmounting the former pilot station.

5. Garrisoned People's Police (KVP).

The Kasernierte Volkspolizei (garrisoned people's police) (KVP) performs harbor supervision duty, patrol missions in the coast area and railroad checking duties. The Sassnitz KVP command, consisting of 2 officers (senior lieutenants) and between 60 and 80 policemen, has headquarters in the ship clearing office located in the harbor zone (27).

6. Transport-Service Police (Blue Uniforms).

Railroad installations are supervised by the transport-service police of between 20 to 30 men with office rooms in the building of the railroad station restaurant (33).

7. Custom-House Offices.

The clearing formalities are performed together with the custom house examination in the railroad station building (68), whereas other ships are cleared in building 27.

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III. Other Military Installations Ashore (other than those in direct connection with the harbor service duties):1. Military and Police Quarters Ashore.

a. Sea Police.

The following buildings are located in the recess (16):

- Three wooden houses for officers, including the dwelling house of the commanding officer (16b)
- One three-story building (16a) housing noncoms and lower ratings
- One garage for motor vehicles (16c)

The former railroad interlocking plant building (21) houses quarters, mess and office rooms.

Buildings located south of the root of the west mole include:

- 2 three-story brick buildings for quartering noncoms and lower ranks
- 4 or 5 self-contained houses for officers and their families
- a garage (19), partially finished, partially still under construction.

To the west of the harbor, a

"Kulturhaus" (cultural building), a three storied building, about 60 meters long and 8 to 9 meters wide was being erected and nearing completion.

Another building under construction was

Project "Seemannsheim" (Sailors' Home) is probably scheduled to serve as barracks installation for the sea police (24).

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b. Soviet Navy:

3 three-storied combined installations (fenced-in buildings formerly belonging to the German navy) serving as quarters for petty officers and other ranks and located on Hafenstrasse (5),

2 three-storied brick buildings (for Soviet navy officers and officers of the port commander's staff) and located on Halfernstrasse (6).

c. KVP:

Villa Gahlitz (23) on Saarstrasse, quartering between 30 and 40 men.

A three-storied building (former custom house quarters) on Waldmeisterstrasse (29), accommodating between 30 and 40 men.

d. Transport-Service Police.

The quarters of this force of between 20 and 30 men could not be identified.

2. Repair Facilities.

a. Sea Police:

A workshop capable of carrying out minor repairs to boats is located in the building of the former railroad repair shop (14).

b. Soviet Navy:

Boat shed in the harbor basin for minor repairs to Soviet navy vessels (1).

C. Sassnitz as a Fishing Harbor [REDACTED].

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1. Fishing Vessels Stationed in Sassnitz:

In connection with the establishment of the Fishing Combine, the fishing fleet gradually reached a total of about 250 fishing cutters, including the NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, a training drifter belonging to the Fishing Combine, which is equipped with echograph radio equipment, D/F (direction-finding) set, and a laboratory for marine biological researches (berth F on the plan). Three new landing stages (wharves) (E) have recently been built for these vessels. Another wharf (E1) was being reconstructed at the inner side of the east mole in the northern section of the harbor.

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3. Merchant Ship Traffic.

There is no merchant ship traffic or transshipment of cargo from or into steamers.

4. Harbor Installation for Private Service.

a. Crane Installations:

The only three cranes available in the harbor included :
One 12/15-ton crane (59) and two 3/5-ton cranes (60 and 61). No store sheds are available.

b. Fuel tank depots:

For the new fuel tank installations [REDACTED] An underground fuel tank for Diesel oil is located at the far end of the track line in the northeastern section of the harbor (62) and another underground tank is under construction close to it. Fuel pipelines lead from here to the berths of the fishing craft alongside the wharves.

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5 VEP Sassnitz Fishing Combine.

This plant was erected between 1949 and 1953 and gave Sassnitz the title of "Fishing Harbor of the German Democratic Republic". The labor force totals 1,200 persons including 400 women workers. The previously existing installations were utterly primitive, and only the old fish hall is still used (38).

The Fishing Combine comprises the following items, most of them recently completed buildings:

- a. In the northeastern section of the harbor: (3) 25X1
 - 1 ice-making plant (36) (resting on concrete piles in the water),
 - 1 large fish hall of 1,200 square meters with a quayage of 60 meters (37), partially resting on concrete piles in the water,
 - 1 social building with a tower, called "Kulturhaus" (39), which houses the cooperative, the HO (Trade Organization shop), some offices, mess rooms and showers,
 - 1 workshop (41)
 - 2 guard houses (40) separating this area from the harbor and the landward zone.
- b. In the central section of the harbor:
 - 1 salt depot (42),
 - 1 dump site, formerly a coal storage yard (49),
- c. In the western section of the harbor:
 - 4 parallel running large fish processing halls (44) (curing plant, pickling plant and cannery) (see picture 4);
 - 1 large administration building (45) and cold-storage building (46) (see picture 4);
 - 1 central heating station for the fish halls (43);
 - 1 fish meal plant (48) with garage installations (48a) for the rolling stock of the combine which is about 15 trucks and insulated cars;
 - 2 storage sheds for wood and wooden boxes (47);
 - 1 home for apprentices in Dwasieden (51);
 - 1 training plant of the Fishing Combine located in Dwasieden (accurate location unidentified).

An unconfirmed report stated that two more four-storied shelters were roughly completed about 100 meters southwest and 300 meters west of the administration building. Shelter No 1 is connected by an underground passage way with the administration building. The shelters probably serve air raid protection purposes.

6. Other Harbor Installations.

a. New fuel tank installations:

A new fuel tank plant was erected in the western section of the harbor in 1953/1954 and work being done in day-and-night shifts (for location, see plan). The oil tanks have been filled, but the entire plant is not yet in operation.

The tank storage plant comprises

- 4 oil bunkers (76) (entirely built-in and fitted with a concrete ceiling 1 meter thick with an earth layer, 1.5 meter thick on top). They were 15 meters high, about 25 meters in diameter, fitted with iron-concrete walls, about 80 centimeters thick, and had a total capacity of 3,400 tons of Diesel fuel, boiler fuel and lubricants.
- 1 tunnel-canal connecting the oil bunkers with the tapping points in the harbor (77). This tunnel, which lies 6 meters under the surface of the earth , with the dimensions: 2 meters by 1.8 or 2 meters, and concrete walls and upper ceiling 1 meter each. This tunnel houses the 8 admission and drainage pipes and the heating pipes.
- 1 pump house (78);
- 1 heating shed for the tank cars (79), under construction at the time;
- 1 siding, allegedly scheduled to be extended as far as the heating shed.

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7. Railroad System.

The railroad system in the harbor zone is mainly [redacted] confined to the narrow site of about 75 meters between the quay and the steep coast and would permit no widening even in the future. The southern section would just make possible the installation of another short siding. The total length of side tracks and some shunting tracks in the harbor zone does not exceed 5 kilometers at most.

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Connection with the main railroad line is via Sassnitz terminus (in the town), which, however, is not satisfactory. Connection with the mainland to Stralsund via Ruegendamm is by a single-track line.

8. Quayage.

Quayage has been largely extended by dredging operations and the construction of landing stages which were carried out during the past few years, but seems to have more or less reached the limit of further expansion because of the limited size of the harbor basin. A total berth quayage of 3,000 meters, including quays and wharves, is available and offers 1,500 meters for sea police and Soviet navy berths and 1,700 meters for the fishing vessels of the Fishing Combine. The harbor is frightfully crammed if all berths are simultaneously filled.

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D. Summary Review of Sassnitz Harbor.

- 1 Despite the fact that Sassnitz offers no shipyard or docking facilities and only poor repairing facilities, its harbor is of primary importance for small-sized naval vessels.

It is permanently used by large numbers of small vessels of the Soviet navy (PT boats and minesweepers). Since the harbor is located in the close to the Sound, it is a first-class point of departure for raids and patrolling of the sea area [redacted]

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[redacted] of the Sound. Sassnitz also is a most favorable place of concentration and embarkation (railroad connection) in the event of carrying out any landing operations [redacted]

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Six sea-police MRL-boats (minelayer-sweepers) of the Habicht-type and flagship ERNST THAELEMAN are now stationed in Sassnitz.

Furthermore, Sassnitz harbor is an important point of departure for the exercise ground of the sea police east and northeast of Rugen Island.

2. Review of Sassnitz as a Fishing Harbor.

As a result of the expansion and the landings of catches from about 250 fishing vessels of the Sassnitz Fishing Combine, the importance of this place gradually made progress in respect of the supply of food to East Germany. Almost all catches of the East German fishing vessels are processed in Sassnitz.

Annex: Legend to Attachment 1**Attachments:**

1. Layout of Sassnitz Harbor [redacted]

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Legend to Sassnitz Harbor1. Berths:

- A - Soviet naval vessels
- B - Sea Police
- C - Bad-weather berths for sea-police KS boats
- D - Sea-police vessels or fishing craft
- E - Fishing craft
- E₁ - Expansion of berth for fishing craft
- F - Berth for training drifter NEUES DEUTSCHLAND

2. Soviet Navy:

- 1 - Boat shed
- 2 - Berth for ERNST THAELEMAN
- 3 - Berths
- 4 - Tower with radio station (?)
- 5 - Crews' quarters on Hafenstrasse
- 6 - Officers' quarters on Halfernstrasse
- 7 - Radio station at former pilot station fitted with tower
- 8 - Soviet port commander's office
- 9 - Soviet signal station on top the lighthouse on the west mole
- 10 - Observation shelter
- 11-13 - disengaged (?)

3. Sea Police

- 14 - Workshop for minor repairs
- 15 - Signal tower
- 16 - Quarters located in recess
 - a - Crews' quarters (three-storied buildings)
 - b - Officers' quarters
 - c - Garage
- 17 - Sassnitz supply base
 - a - Headquarters building with garage (single-floor building)
 - b - Accommodation buildings (single-floor buildings)
 - c - three wooden houses (canteen, telephone exchange and sick room)
- 18 - disengaged
- 19 - Sea police quarters, two three-storied brick buildings completed 4 or 5 officers' houses with garages under construction
- 20 - Recruit hutments in Dwasieden
- 21 - Quarters, mess rooms, administration buildings (former railroad operating station)
- 22 - Searchlight for harbor surveillance mounted atop the tower of the social building
- 23 - House of Culture of the Sea Police
- 24 - Sailors' House (a building project)
- 25-26 - disengaged

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4. KVP

- 27 - KVP in ship clearing building
- 28 - Quarters on Saarstrasse (Villa Gahlitz)
- 29 - Quarters on Waldmeisterstrasse (former customs office)
- 30-32 - disengaged

5. Transport Service Police

- 33 - Office rooms (at former railroad station restaurant)
- 34-35 - disengaged

6. Fishing Combine

Eastern Section

- 36 - Ice-making plant
- 37 - New fish hall
- 38 - Old fish hall
- 39 - Social building
- 40 - 2 small guard houses with barriers
- 41 - Work shop
- 42 - Salt depot

Western Section

- 43 - Heating plant house
- 44 - Fish-processing halls
- 45 - Administration building forming one unit with
- 46 - Cold-storage house
- 47 - 2 store sheds for fish boxes
- 48 - Fish-meal plant with garage (48a)
- 49 - Storage yard (formerly coal dump)
- 50 - ARP shelter for Fishing Combine under construction
- 51 - Apprentices' dwelling home of Fishing Combine
- 52-55 - disengaged

7. Harbor Installations.

- 56 - Ferry berth
- 57 - Ferry berth
- 58 - Fog bell
- 59 -)
- 60 -) Crane
- 61 -)
- 62 - Storage tank
- 63-66 - disengaged

8. Railroad Installations

- 67 - Passengers platform
- 68 - Railroad station building (station master, customs examination, also accommodating Soviet Port Commander's Office)

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- 69 - Goods clearing station
- 70 - Railroad signal box
- 71 - Telegraph office, telephone exchange
- 72 - Track scales (weigh bridge)
- 73 - Pump station
- 74-75 - disengaged

9. Fuel Plant

- 76 - Shelter (underground)
 - a, b - 2 concrete shelters for Diesel fuel (capacity 1,000 tons each)
 - c - 1 concrete shelter for boiler fuel (capacity 1,000 tons)
 - d - 1 concrete shelter for lubricants (capacity 400 tons)
- 77 - Fuel line
- 78 - Pump house
- 79 - Heating plant for tank cars (under construction)
- 80 - Tapping points for war vessels

10. Other Installations

- 81 - Empty wooden huts for convicts

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- b. A wooden signal tower, about 30 meters high (manned by day and by night), located on the slope north of the fish processing shops of the Fishing Combine (15), was equipped with flashing lamps and signal flags for communication with, and gear transmitting orders to ships.

4. Soviet Navy.

- a. The port commander's duty is in Soviet hands, and a headquarters with four rooms is located in the railroad building. These rooms were formerly used as customs examination rooms. (8)

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Port commander's staff:

1 port commander (having the rank of captain, Soviet navy)
4 officers (junior or senior lieutenants), and about 10 petty officers or other ranks.

- b. Soviet signal station on the tower on the west mole (the tower also houses the harbor entrance light. (9)
 - c. A Soviet radio station at the head of the landing stage (4).
 - d. A Soviet radio and signal station housed in the building of the former pilot station building (7).
 - e. Two small observation shelters (10), possibly fire control shelters, located on the hill surmounting the former pilot station.
5. Garrisoned People's Police (KVP).

The Kasernierte Volkspolizei (garrisoned people's police) (KVP) performs harbor supervision duty, patrol missions in the coast area and railroad checking duties. The Sassnitz KVP command, consisting of 2 officers (senior lieutenants) and between 60 and 80 policemen, has headquarters in the ship clearing office located in the harbor zone (27).

6. Transport-Service Police (Blue Uniforms).

Railroad installations are supervised by the transport-service police of between 20 to 30 men with office rooms in the building of the railroad station restaurant (33).

7. Custom-House Offices.

The clearing formalities [REDACTED] are performed together with the custom house examination in the railroad station building (68), whereas other ships are cleared in building 27.

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III. Other Military Installations Ashore (other than those in direct connection with the harbor service duties):

1. Military and Police Quarters Ashore.

a. Sea Police.

The following buildings are located in the recess (16):

- Three wooden houses for officers, including the dwelling house of the commanding officer (16b)
- One three-story building (16a) housing noncoms and lower ratings
- One garage for motor vehicles (16a)

The former railroad interlocking plant building (21) houses quarters, mess and office rooms.

Buildings located south of the root of the west mole include:

- 2 three-story brick buildings for quartering noncoms and lower ranks
- 4 or 5 self-contained houses for officers and their families
- a garage (19), partially finished, partially still under construction.

To the west of the harbor, a

"Kulturhaus" (cultural building), a three storied building, about 60 meters long and 8 to 9 meters wide was being erected and nearing completion.

Another building under construction was

Project "Seemannsheim" (Sailors' Home) is probably scheduled to serve as barracks installation for the sea police (24).

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1. Soviet Navy:

3 three-storied combined installations (fenced-in buildings formerly belonging to the German navy) serving as quarters for petty officers and other ranks and located on Hafenstrasse (5).

2 three-storied brick buildings (for Soviet navy officers and officers of the port commander's staff) and located on Halfernstrasse (6).

c. KVP:

Villa Cahlitz (28) on Saarstrasse, quartering between 30 and 40 men.
A three-storied building (former custom house quarters) on Waldmeisterstrasse (29), accommodating between 30 and 40 men.

d. Transport-Service Police.

The quarters of this force of between 20 and 30 men could not be identified.

2. Repair Facilities.

a. Sea Police:

A workshop capable of carrying out minor repairs to boats is located in the building of the former railroad repair shop (14).

b. Soviet Navy:

Boat shed in the harbor basin for minor repairs to Soviet navy vessels (1).

C. Sassnitz as a Fishing Harbor [REDACTED]

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1. Fishing Vessels Stationed in Sassnitz:

In connection with the establishment of the Fishing Combine, the fishing fleet gradually reached a total of about 250 fishing cutters, including the NEUES DEUTSCHLAND, a training drifter belonging to the Fishing Combine, which is equipped with echograph radio equipment, D/F (direction-finding) set, and a laboratory for marine biological researches (berth F on the plan). Three new landing stages (wharves) (E) have recently been built for those vessels. Another wharf (E1) was being reconstructed at the inner side of the east mole in the northern section of the harbor.

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3. Merchant Ship Traffic.

There is no merchant ship traffic or transshipment of cargo from or into steamers.

4. Harbor Installation for Private Service.

a. Crane Installations:

The only three cranes available in the harbor included :
One 12/15-ton crane (59) and two 3/5-ton cranes (60 and 61). No store sheds are available.

b. Fuel tank depots:

For the new fuel tank installations, [REDACTED] An underground fuel tank for Diesel oil is located at the far end of the track line in the northeastern section of the harbor (62) and another underground tank is under construction close to it. Fuel pipelines lead from here to the berths of the fishing craft alongside the wharves.

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5. VEB Sassnitz Fishing Combine.

This plant was erected between 1949 and 1953 and gave Sassnitz the title of "Fishing Harbor of the German Democratic Republic". The labor force totals 1,200 persons including 400 women workers. The previously existing installations were extremely primitive, and only the old fish hall is still used (38).

The Fishing Combine comprises the following items, most of them recently completed buildings:

- a. In the northeastern section of the harbor: (3) 25X1
 - 1 ice-making plant (36) (resting on concrete piles in the water),
 - 1 large fish hall of 1,200 square meters with a quayage of 60 meters (37), partially resting on concrete piles in the water,
 - 1 social building and a tower, called "Kulturhaus" (39), which houses the cooperative, HO (Trade Organization shop), some offices, mess rooms and restrooms.
 - 1 workshop (41)
 - 2 guard houses (42) (resting on concrete piles in the harbor and the landward zone).
- b. In the central section of the harbor:
 - 1 salt depot (42),
 - 1 dump site, formerly a coal storage yard (43).
- c. In the western section:
 - 4 parallel running large fish processing halls (44) (curing plant, pickling plant and cannery) (see picture 4);
 - 1 large administration building (45) and cold-storage building (46) (see picture 4);
 - 1 central heating station for the fish halls (43);
 - 1 fish meal plant (48) with garage installations (48a) for the rolling stock of the combine which is about 15 trucks and insulated cars;
 - 2 storage sheds for wood and wooden boxes (47);
 - 1 home for apprentices in Dwasieden (51);
 - 1 training plant of the Fishing Combine located in Dwasieden (accurate location unidentified).

An unconfirmed report stated that two more four-storied shelters were roughly completed about 100 meters southwest and 300 meters west of the administration building. Shelter No 1 is connected by an underground passage way with the administration building. The shelters probably serve air raid protection purposes.

6. Other Harbor Installations.

a. New fuel tank installations:

A new fuel tank plant was erected in the western section of the harbor in 1953/1954 and work being done in day-and-night shifts (for location, see plan). The oil tanks have been filled, but the entire plant is not yet in operation.

The tank storage plant comprises

- 4 oil bunkers (76) (entirely built-in and fitted with a concrete ceiling 1 meter thick with an earth layer, 1.5 meter thick on top). They were 15 meters high, about 25 meters in diameter, fitted with iron-concrete walls, about 80 centimeters thick, and had a total capacity of 3,400 tons of Diesel fuel, boiler fuel and lubricants.
- 1 tunnel-canal connecting the oil bunkers with the tapping points in the harbor (77). This tunnel, which lies 6 meters under the surface of the earth, with the dimensions: 2 meters by 1.8 or 2 meters, and concrete walls and upper ceiling 1 meter each. This tunnel houses the 8 admission and drainage pipes and the heating pipes.
- 1 pump house (78);
- 1 heating shed for the tank cars (79), under construction at the time

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7. Railroad System.

The railroad system in the harbor zone is mainly [redacted] confined to the narrow site of about 75 meters between the quay and the steep coast and would permit no widening even in the future. The southern section would just make possible the installation of another short siding. The total length of side tracks and some shunting tracks in the harbor zone does not exceed 5 kilometers at most.

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Connection with the main railroad line is via Sassnitz terminus (in the town), which, however, is not satisfactory. Connection with the mainland to Stralsund via Ruegendamm is by a single-track line.

8. Quayage.

Quayage has been largely extended by dredging operations and the construction of landing stages which were carried out during the past few years, but seems to have more or less reached the limit of further expansion because of the limited size of the harbor basin. A total berth quayage of 3,000 meters, including quays and wharves, is available and offers 1,300 meters for sea police and Soviet navy berths and 1,700 meters for the fishing vessels of the Fishing Combine. The harbor is frightfully crammed if all berths are simultaneously filled.

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D. Summary Review of Sassnitz Harbor.

1. Despite the fact that Sassnitz offers no shipyard or docking facilities and only poor repairing facilities, its harbor is of primary importance for small-sized naval vessels.

It is permanently used by large numbers of small vessels of the Soviet navy (PT boats and minesweepers). Since the harbor is located ~~in the~~ close to the Sound, it is a first-class point of departure for raids and patrolling of the sea area [redacted]

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[redacted] of the Sound. Sassnitz also is a most favorable place of concentration and embarkation (railroad connection) in the event of carrying out any landing operations [redacted]

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Six sea-police MRL-boats (minelayer-sweepers) of the Habicht-type and flagship ERNST THAELMANN are now stationed in Sassnitz.

Furthermore, Sassnitz harbor is an important point of departure for the exercise ground of the sea police east and northeast of Rugen Island.

2. Review of Sassnitz as a Fishing Harbor.

As a result of the expansion and the landings of catches from about 250 fishing vessels of the Sassnitz Fishing Combine, the importance of this place gradually made progress in respect of the supply of food to East Germany. Almost all catches of the East German fishing vessels are processed in Sassnitz.

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1. Layout of Sassnitz Harbor [redacted] UNCODED

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Legend to Sassnitz Harbor1. Berths:

- A - Soviet naval vessels
- B - Sea Police
- C - Bad-weather berths for sea-police KS boats
- D - Sea-police vessels or fishing craft
- E - Fishing craft
- E1 - Expansion of berth for fishing craft
- F - Berth for training drifter NEUES DEUTSCHLAND

2. Soviet Navy:

- 1 - Boat shed
- 2 - Berth for ERNST THAELMANN
- 3 - Berths
- 4 - Tower with radio station (?)
- 5 - Crews' quarters on Hafenstrasse
- 6 - Officers' quarters on Halfernstrasse
- 7 - Radio station at former pilot station fitted with tower
- 8 - Soviet port commander's office
- 9 - Soviet signal station on top the lighthouse on the west mole
- 10 - Observation shelter
- 11-13 - disengaged (?)

3. Sea Police

- 14 - Workshop for minor repairs
- 15 - Signal tower
- 16 - Quarters located in recess
 - a - Crews' quarters (three-storied buildings)
 - b - Officers' quarters
 - c - Garage
- 17 - Sassnitz supply base
 - a - Headquarters building with garage (single-floor building)
 - b - Accommodation buildings (single-floor buildings)
 - c - three wooden houses (canteen, telephone exchange and sick room)
- 18 - disengaged
- 19 - Sea police quarters, two three-storied brick buildings completed 4 or 5 officers' houses with garages under construction
- 20 - Recruit hutments in Dwasieden
- 21 - Quarters, mess rooms, administration buildings (former railroad operating station)
- 22 - Searchlight for harbor surveillance mounted atop the tower of the social building
- 23 - House of Culture of the Sea Police
- 24 - Sailors' House (a building project)
- 25-26 - disengaged

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4. KVP

- 27 - KVP in ship clearing building
- 28 - Quarters on Saarstrasse (Villa Gahlitz)
- 29 - Quarters on Waldmeisterstrasse (former customs office)
- 30-32 - disengaged

5. Transport Service Police

- 33 - Office rooms (at former railroad station restaurant)
- 34-35 - disengaged

6. Fishing Combine

Eastern Section

- 36 - Ice-making plant
- 37 - New fish hall
- 38 - Old fish hall
- 39 - Social building
- 40 - 2 small guard houses with barriers
- 41 - Work shop
- 42 - Salt depot

Western Section

- 43 - Heating plant house
- 44 - Fish-processing halls
- 45 - Administration building forming one unit with
- 46 - Cold-storage house
- 47 - 2 store sheds for fish boxes
- 48 - Fish-meal plant with garage (48a)
- 49 - Storage yard (formerly coal dump)
- 50 - ARP shelter for Fishing Combine under construction
- 51 - Apprentices' dwelling home of Fishing Combine
- 52-55 - disengaged

7. Harbor Installations.

- 56 - Ferry berth
- 57 - Ferry berth
- 58 - Fog bell
- 59 -)
- 60 -) Crane
- 61 -)
- 62 - Storage tank
- 63-66 - disengaged

8. Railroad Installations

- 67 - Passengers platform
- 68 - Railroad station building (station master, customs examination, also accommodating Soviet Port Commander's Office)

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- 69 - Goods clearing station
- 70 - Railroad signal box
- 71 - Telegraph office, telephone exchange
- 72 - Track scales (weigh bridge)
- 73 - Pump station
- 74-75 - disengaged

9. Fuel Plant

- 76 - Shelter (underground)
 - a, b - 2 concrete shelters for Diesel fuel (capacity 1,000 tons each)
 - c - 1 concrete shelter for boiler fuel (capacity 1,000 tons)
 - d - 1 concrete shelter for lubricants (capacity 400 tons)
- 77 - Fuel line
- 78 - Pump house
- 79 - Heating plant for tank cars (under construction)
- 80 - Tapping points for war vessels

10. Other Installations

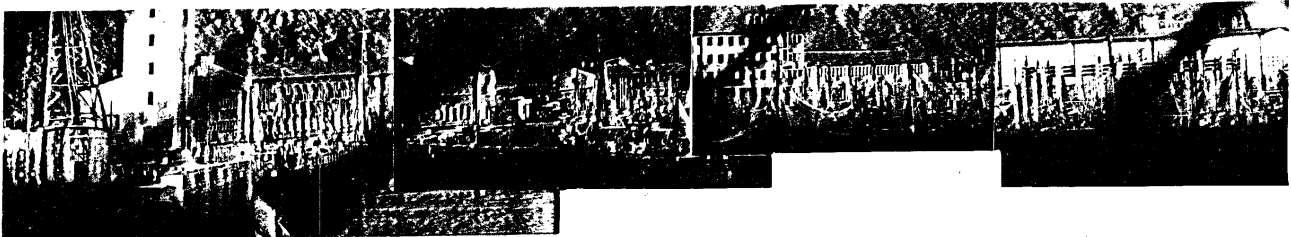
- 81 - Empty wooden huts for convicts

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Picture No 3: Panorama of Fish Combine in the Northeast Harbor



Social Building with tower

Jetties for
fish cutters

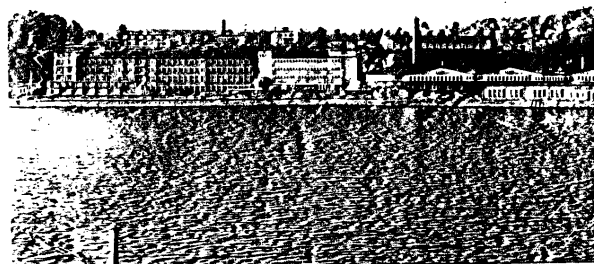
Fish market

Ice plant

Picture No 4: Fish Combine in the Southwest Sector of the Harbor

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13 39 E FISH COMBINE. 1953-54.

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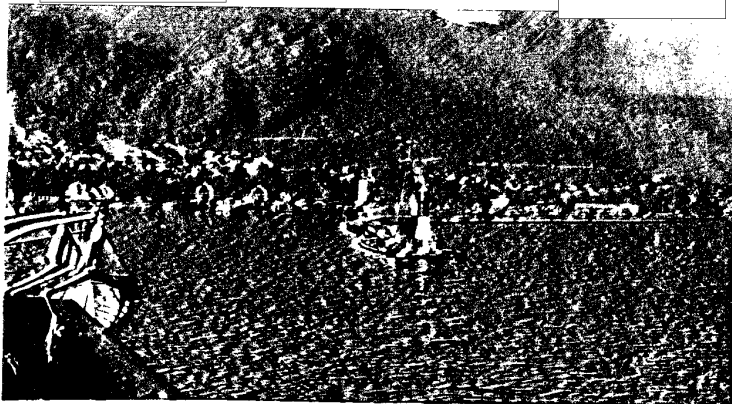
Left: Administrative building
Center: Cold storage house
Right: Fish processing shops

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GERMANY MECKLENBURG-VORPOMMERN SASSNITZ 54 31 N
13 39 E FERRY BERTHS, LEFT. SOCIAL BUILDING,
LEFT CENTER. LIGHTHOUSE, FOREGROUND. FISH MARKET
AND ICE PLANT, RIGHT. 1953-54.

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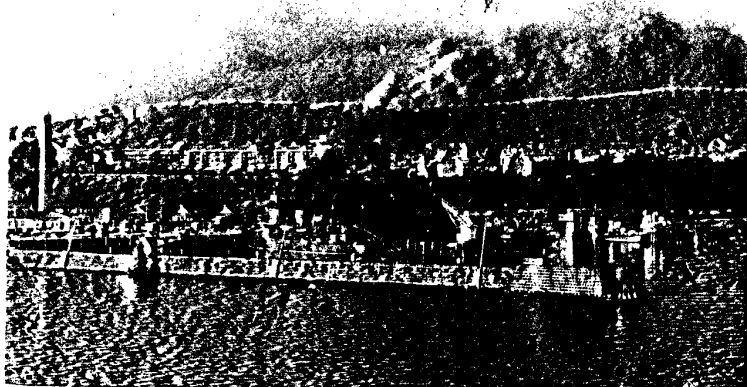


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Left: Two berths for ferryships

Center: To the left of the lighthouse on the Eastern Mole the tower of the Sozialgebäude (social building); to the right of the lighthouse the fish market and, adjacent to the market, the ice plant.

Picture No 2: Soviet Naval and KVP Seepolizei Harbor



In the front: Western Mole with Soviet signal station on the cam;
ERNST THAELMANN anchored at the opposite pier;
to the right of ERNST THAELMANN, Soviet boatshed;
adjacent to the right, berth for Soviet naval vessels.